

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to disk data storage media including magnetic, magneto-
5 optical and optical media such as CD-ROM, CD-RW, DVD, DVD-RAM, Mini-disks
and other disk media. It provides for new disk media featuring a data storage surface
on the edge of the disk. This novel edge track data surface may be marked, inscribed
or recorded during manufacture or this new data surface may be created and utilized
later. In addition, methods to manufacture, exploit and convert conventional disk
10 media to that having an edge track data surface are taught herein.

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